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COMMUNICATING WITH A CARD  
DISTRIBUTION CENTER FOR SELECTING,  
ORDERING, AND SENDING  
SOCIAL EXPRESSION CARDS

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

In conjunction with the filing of this continuation application, Applicant submits the following amendments:

Cancel claims 26, 27, 30, 44 - 92.

Add new claims:

93. A method for initiating fulfillment of a consumer order in a system where a consumer communicates with an order fulfillment center, the method comprising the steps of:

storing data in at least one database, the data including a plurality of recipient

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